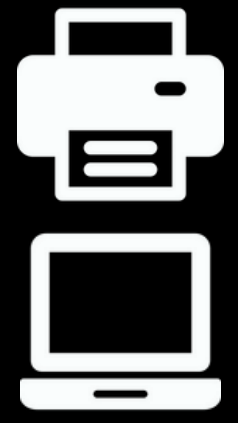


# CLOSE READING

## with Mystery Pictures



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### History of the Valentine's Day Card

Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. Use the answers for each question to help you color the mystery picture.

| 1st Read Questions |  |      |              |
|--------------------|--|------|--------------|
| 1                  | When were the first official Valentine's Day cards sent? | 1415 | 18th Century |
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| 2nd Read Questions |   |   |  |
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| 6                  | Based on the passage, which is the best reason that Valentine's Day cards began to be mass produced ready-made?   | People were getting sick of having to hand make them. | It was easier and faster that way.               |
| 7                  | Based on the meaning of the prefix <u>trans-</u> , which means to change, which best states the meaning of the word <u>translated</u> as it is used in the passage? | Valentine's Day was a popular holiday.                | Not likely to be seen or noticed by many people. |
| 8                  | Valentine's Day cards are given to many people each year.   |   | RED  |
| 9                  | Which detail from the passage supports this statement?  |   |  |
| 10                 | Which best states the purpose of writing this passage?  |   |  |

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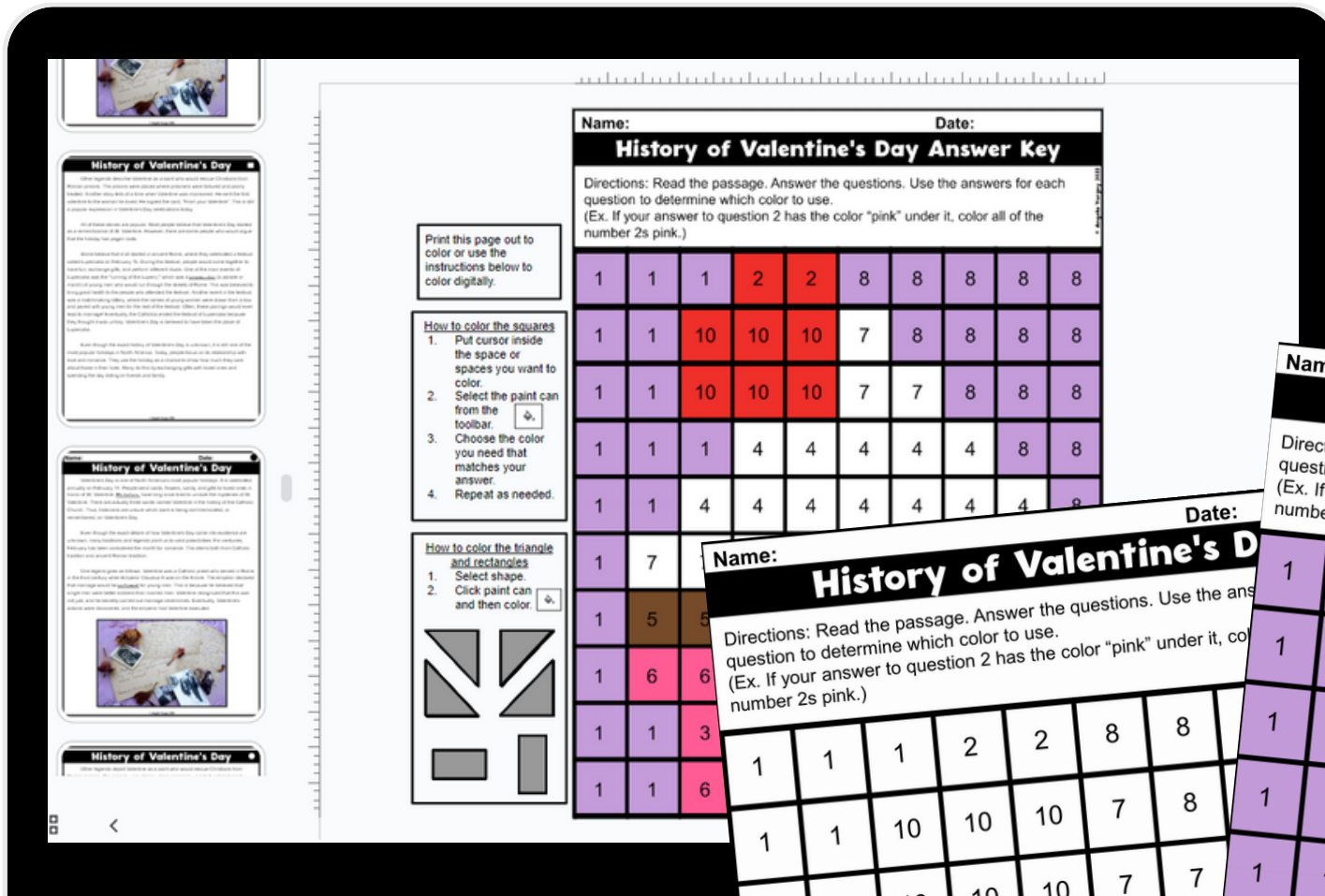
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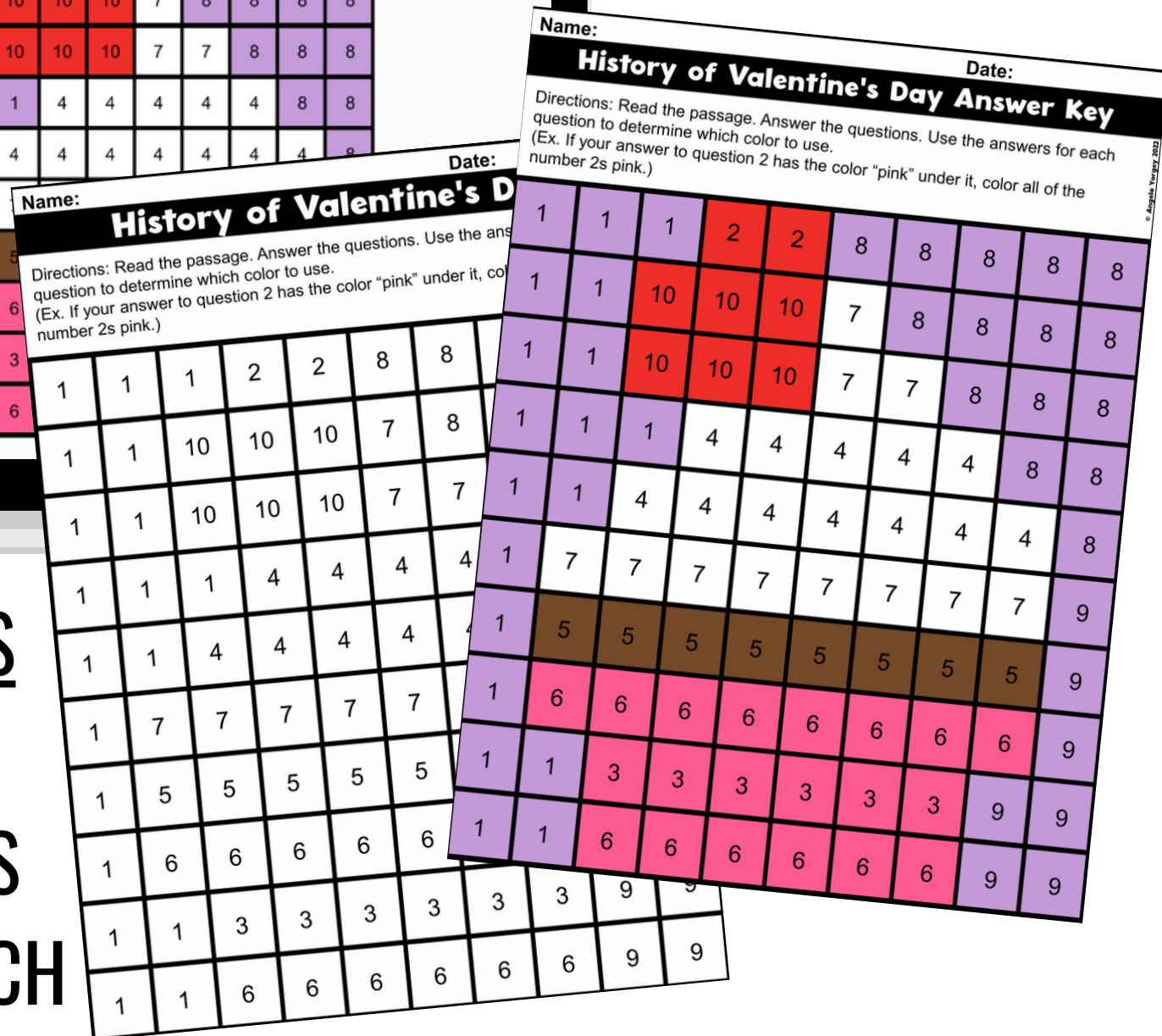
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# Passage 1-Fiction

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# Passage 2-Nonfiction

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Some say that the first Valentine's Day greeting was sent by St. Valentine. When he was in a Roman prison, he sent a letter of love to the woman he had affection for. At the end of the letter, he signed, "From your Valentine". This phrase is still used today.

## History of the Valentine's Day Card

Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. When finished, use your answers here to help you color the mystery grid.

### 1st Read Questions

|   |   |                                       |                                |                                     |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | When were the first official Valentine's Day cards sent?                  | 1415                                  | 18th Century                   | 1913                                |
|   |   | RED                                   | LIGHT BLUE                     | PINK                                |
| 2 | What is the meaning of the word <u>discreetly</u> as used in the passage? | To drop something in an obvious place | To place something down gently | Not likely to be seen or noticed by |

## History of the Valentine's Day Card

### 2nd Read Questions

|   |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| 3 | What is the <u>integrated</u> meaning of the word <u>integrated</u> as used in the passage? | Based on the passage, which is the best reason that Valentine's Day cards began to be mass produced ready-made?   | People were getting sick of having to hand make each one.                                       | It was easier and faster that                                      |
|   |   |   | PINK  |  |
| 4 | Which is not the Valentine's Day tradition?   | Based on the meaning of the prefix <u>trans-</u> , which means to change, which best states the meaning of the word <u>translated</u> as it is used in the passage? | To rewrite it in pen  | To translate it into another language                              |
|   |   |   | BROWN   |  |
| 5 | Which statement best states the main idea of the passage?                                   | Valentine's Day cards are given to many people each year.   | "...in the United States, an average of 180 million Valentine's Day cards are traded annually." | Valentine's Day cards are a major product used on Valentine's Day. |
|   |   | 8   | Which detail from the passage supports this statement?  |  |
|   |   | 9   | Which type of text structure is this passage written in?  |  |
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|   |   |   | To persuade   | To inform  |

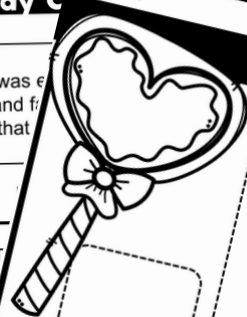
## History of the Valentine's Day Card Writing Prompt

How have Valentine's Day cards changed throughout the years? Provide three specific examples from the text, and explain using text evidence.

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## Timeline



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# Passage 3-Nonfiction

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## History of Valentine's Day

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The exact details of how Valentine's Day started are unknown. Many traditions and legends point us to a few possibilities. For centuries, February has been considered the month for romance. This stems both from Catholic tradition and ancient Roman tradition.

One legend goes as follows. Valentine was a Catholic priest who served in Rome. This was during the third century when Emperor Claudius II was on the throne. The emperor declared that marriage would be **outlawed**, or made illegal, for young men. This is because he thought that single men were better soldiers than married men. Valentine knew that this was not right. He secretly carried out marriage ceremonies. Eventually, Valentine's actions were discovered, and the emperor had Valentine executed.



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## History of Valentine's Day Writing Prompt

There are two stories of two different Valentines and why they were each a possible beginning to Valentine's Day. What do you think their actions have to do with Valentine's Day? Use specific details from the story to support your response.

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## History of Valentine's Day

Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. When finished, use your answers here to help you color the mystery grid.

### 1st Read Questions

|   |   |  |   |   |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | According to the passage, how many saints in the history of the Catholic Church were named Valentine? | One  | Two   | Three   |
|   |   | WHITE  | RED   | PURPLE  |
| 2 | Based on the passage, which statement is NOT a theory on the origin of Valentine's Day?               | One Valentine was in prison and wrote to the woman he loved. | One Valentine signed his card, "From your Valentine." | One Valentine made cards and handed them out. |

### History of Valentine's Day

#### 2nd Read Questions

|   |  |             |                  |
|---|--|-------------|------------------|
| 3 | "Historians have long since tried to unravel the mysteries of St. Valentine. There are actually three saints named Valentine in the history of the Catholic Church. Thus, historians are unsure which saint is being commemorated, or remembered, on Valentine's Day." | Mystery     | Imprisonment     |
| 6 | Which of the following was an effect of the matchmaking lottery of Lupercalia?   | PURPLE      | WHITE            |
| 7 | Which word is the best antonym for the word <b>outlawed</b> as used in the passage?  | Permitted   | Banned           |
| 8 | Which type of text structure is this passage written in?   | WHITE       | RED              |
| 9 | What do you think was the author's purpose of writing the passage?   | Description | Compare/Contrast |
|   |  | PURPLE      | BROWN            |
|   |  | Inform      | Persuade         |
|   |  | PURPLE      | PINK             |

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Which detail from the passage supports this statement?

| History of the Valentine's Day Card   |  |   |            |
|---|--|---|------------|
| 2nd Read Questions  |  |   |            |
| People were getting sick of having to hand make each one.                                       | It was easier and faster that way.                             | Valentine's Day was a popular holiday.                                      | LIGHT BLUE |
| PINK  | RED  |   |            |
| To rewrite it in pen  | To change from cursive to print                                | To change words from one language to another                                | LIGHT BLUE |
| BROWN   | RED  |   |            |
| "...in the United States, an average of 180 million Valentine's Day cards are traded annually." | "However, they are no longer restricted to romantic purposes." | "...people decided that the greetings should be more decorative in nature." | PINK       |
| BROWN   | LIGHT BLUE   | Compare & Contrast  | BROWN      |
| Chronological Sequence  | Cause & Effect   |   | LIGHT BLUE |

**Main Idea & Supporting Details**

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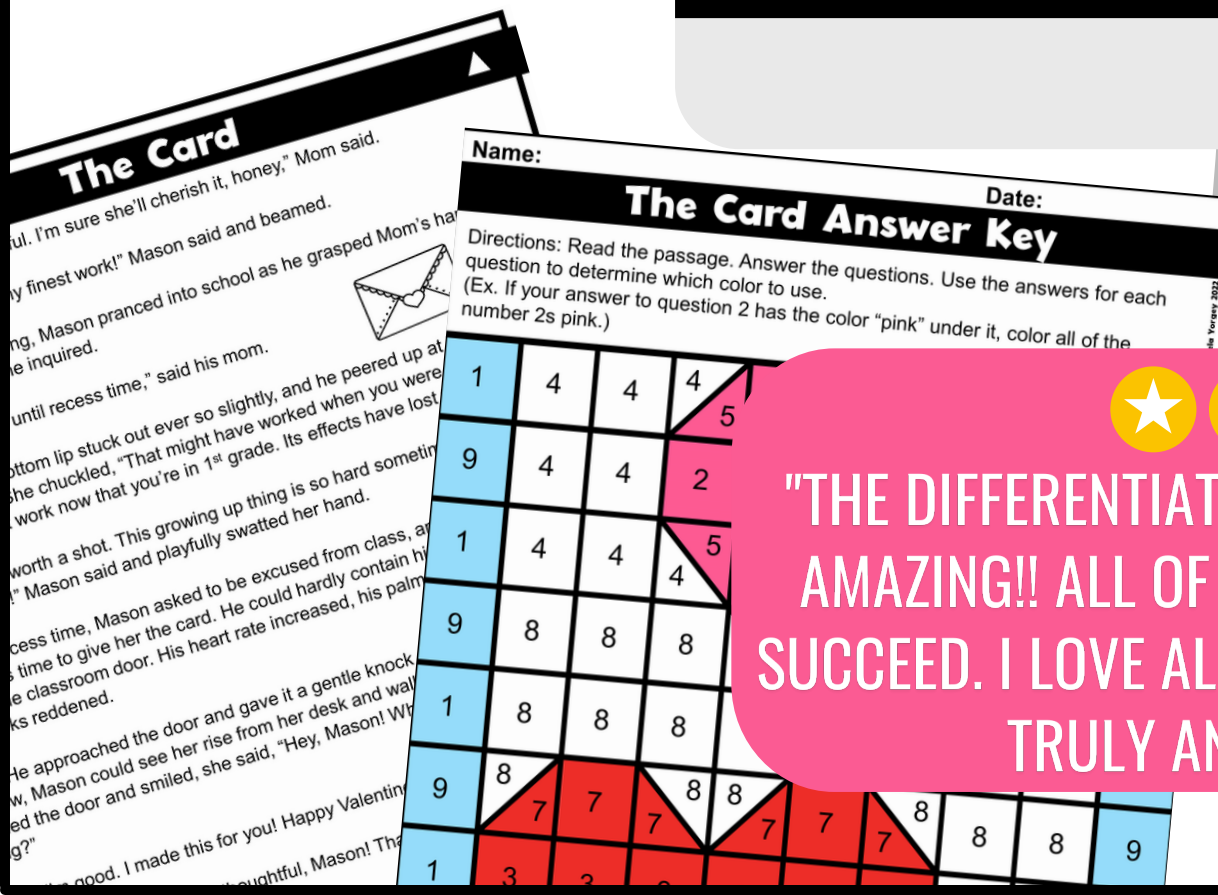
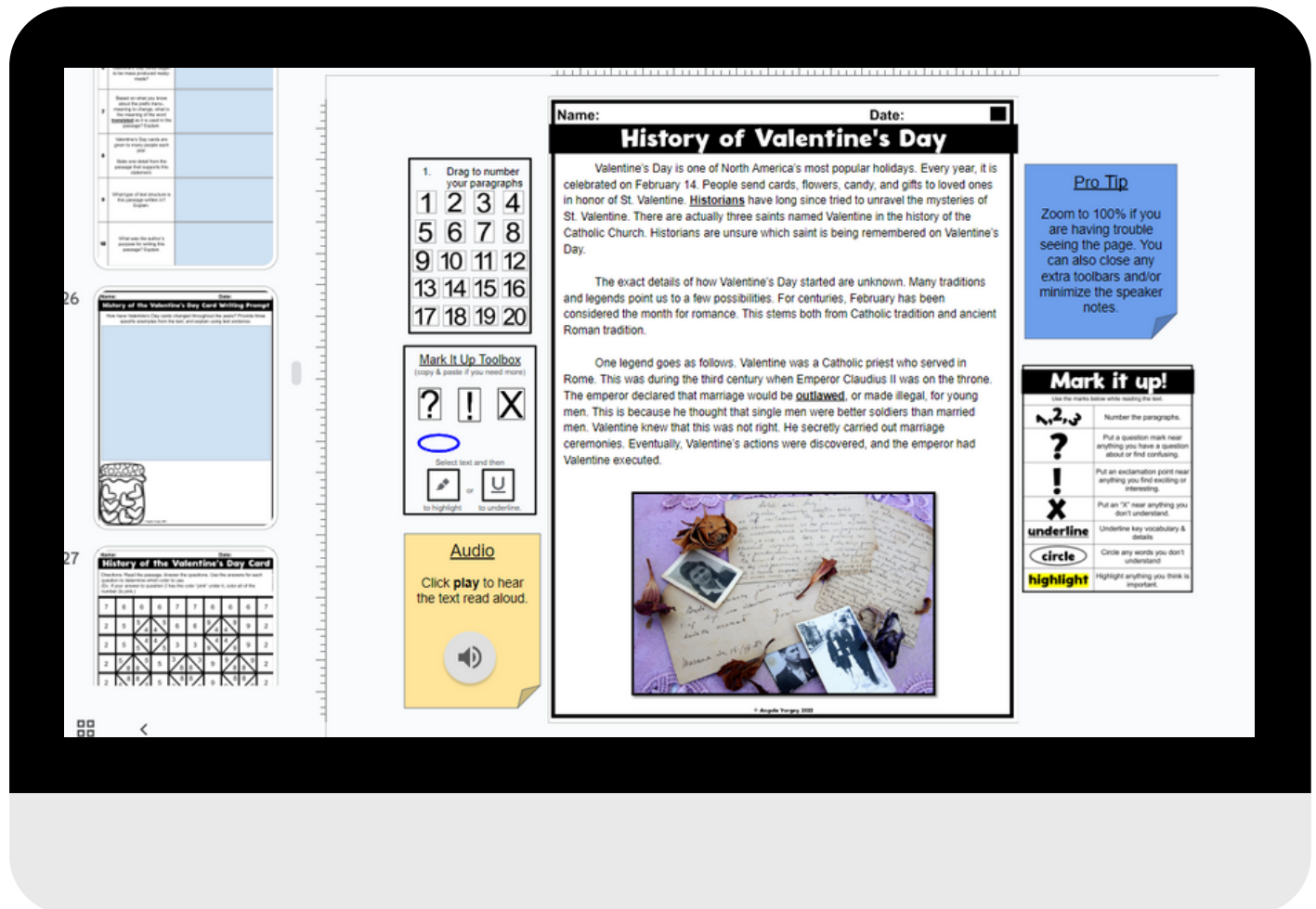
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